

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Contract Award – Architectural and Engineering Services Homeland Security Facility Hardening Improvements**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with URS for the provision of Architectural, Engineering and Design Services related to the physical and technological security, crime prevention, and counter-terrorism improvements at Foothill Transit's bus operations and maintenance facilities and Foothill Transit's Administrative Office in the amount of \$204,980.36 (Two Hundred and Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Thirty Six Cents.)

Background

Foothill Transit submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) funding to improve physical and technological security features of Foothill Transit's properties, identified as critical infrastructure assets. Improvements would include (as appropriate) solid perimeter walls, perimeter fencing, gating, barriers, monitored/recording surveillance camera system, and facility access controls. It is envisioned that the improvements will deter/prevent criminal activity and acts of terrorism against the facilities by "hardening the assets" to potential security system compromise and aggressive assault. It is further noted that the proposed improvements are identified in the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Surface Transportation Program Baseline Review and Recommendations of the 100 largest transit agencies in the United States, conducted between 2007 and 2009. The DHS approved the project proposal in October 2009, and issued a Letter of Authorization to Proceed in August 2010.

On September 24th, 2010, the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) 11-017 for professional Architectural and Engineering services with specific experience and expertise to design physical and technological security, crime prevention, and counter-terrorism improvements.

Proposals were received on November 16, 2011 from six firms. An evaluation committee conducted a thorough written evaluation of the proposals using the evaluation criteria set out in the RFP. Oral interviews were then held with five proposers on January 5, 2011. URS was selected as the highest rated proposer.

URS is a full service international engineering company with 41,000 employees headquartered in San Francisco with offices in every major city of the United States. They identify threats and vulnerabilities, and develop protective measure plans to ensure the security of the public, employees and agency assets. URS has worked with

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transit agencies nationwide such as the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), TransBay Joint Powers Authority in San Francisco, and many others. URS is currently working with Foothill Transit, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Long Beach Transit, and Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus to develop Threat and Vulnerability Assessments (TVA), Emergency Response and Operations Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans, and Homeland Security plans

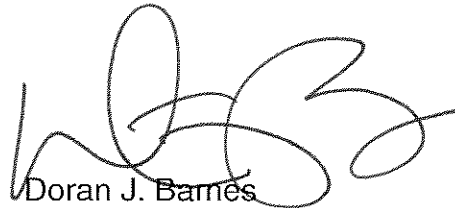
Budget Impact

Funding for this project is provided by the U.S. DHS TSGP and included in Foothill Transit's approved FY 2011 Business Plan.

Sincerely,



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 Director of Safety & Security



Doran J. Barnes
 Executive Director

Exhibit A

Evaluation Factors	Maximum Score	Proposers				
		URS Corp.	Henrikson OWEN	AP & T	MDM Architects	Kluger Architects
1. General Quality and Responsiveness of Proposal	5	4.83	4.48	3.70	4.08	3.70
2. Work Plan and Technical Approach	20	19.20	17.00	15.40	14.67	14.60
3. Statement of Qualifications, Experience, and Organizational Relationships	75	71.50	63.00	62.25	62.00	56.75
Total Score	100	95.53	84.48	81.35	80.75	75.05